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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE

GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 163)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 17, 2021)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to continuing education requirements for
- 2 persons holding certain professional and occupational
- 3 licenses.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

S.F. 354

- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **272C.2D Continuing education**
- 2 requirements extensions.
- 3 1. Each licensing board may extend the deadline for
- 4 completing continuing education requirements pursuant to
- 5 section 272C.2 by up to ninety days if a licensing board finds
- 6 that a licensee is experiencing an unforeseen financial or
- 7 medical hardship and the licensee submits all of the following:
- 8 a. A request that a deadline be extended due to an
- 9 unforeseen financial or medical hardship experienced by the
- 10 licensee or a member of the licensee's family, including an
- 11 explanation and evidence of the hardship.
- 12 b. Proof of enrollment in a program that will satisfy the
- 13 licensee's continuing education requirements prior to the
- 14 expiration of the extension.
- 15 2. A request for an extension of a continuing education
- 16 requirement deadline shall be submitted to a licensing board no
- 17 later than sixty days before the date the continuing education
- 18 requirement must be completed.
- 19 3. For the purposes of this section, "unforeseen financial
- 20 or medical hardship" means an unforeseeable emergency as defined
- 21 in 26 C.F.R. §1.457-6(c)(2)(i).
- 22 4. This section does not prohibit a licensing board from
- 23 granting a waiver pursuant to section 17A.9A.